temporaneous submission of statement of payments of over Rs. 5,000/- by film producers. This is examined in the scrutiny of assessments. The Income-tax Investigation Wing also carries out cross-verification of such payments of over Rs. 10,000/-. Actions by way of search, survey and other investigations are also resorted to in such cases when any specific information of tax evasion is received.

Collection of direct taxes

4235. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance in regard to direct taxes collection so far during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of each of the direct taxes collected during the current financial year, so far; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to further improve the direct tax collection during the remaining period of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The direct tax collection during April-November 1992 compares favourably with the corresponding collection during April-November 1991. The position with reference to the Budget Estimates is also satisfactory.

(c) The figures of collection from various direct taxes during the financial year 1992-93 (upto 30th Nov. 1992) are given below:

	(Rupees in Crores)
Corporation tax . . .	3604
Income tax	3841
Wealth tax	325
Interest tax	158
Expenditure tax . . .	76
Gift tax	5
Estate duty	1

(d) Appropriate legal and administrative measures are regularly taken to improve the tax collections. High priority is being given to quick disposal of bigger appeals and realisation of outstanding demands. Chief Commissioners & Director Generals of Income tax have been asked to pay greater attention to the area of tax deduction at source. The region-wise performance with reference to the targets fixed is being continuously monitored.

Economic cooperation with Italy

4236. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level delegation visited Italy to explore the possibilities of strengthening economic cooperation between the two countries;

(b) if so, what are the areas identified for further cooperation and the proposals received from Italian Government and the reaction of Indian Government thereto;

(c) what are the details of project linked assistance proposed/approved and projects in pipeline;

(d) whether Italian Government's 100 per cent grant based research project for transportation of coal pest through pipeline is, still pending consideration of Government; and